

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A method for producing optically active flurbiprofen which comprises:

mixing racemic flurbiprofen and (S)- or (R)-3-methyl-2-phenylbutylamine in an organic solvent to produce a diastereomeric salt; and

treating the diastereomeric salt with an acid in a second solvent.

Claim 2 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein in the step of producing a diastereomeric salt, (S)-3-methyl-2-phenylbutylamine is used.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the organic solvent is at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₃ alcohol, toluene, and xylene.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the organic solvent is a water-containing solvent.

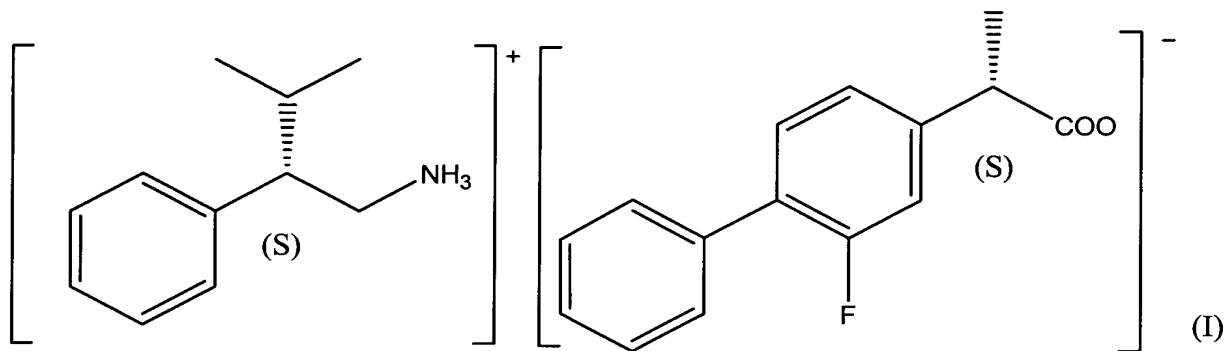
Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 4, wherein the water-containing solvent is an organic solvent that contains water at a ratio of 20 v/v% or less.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the second solvent is a hydrophobic solvent or water.

Claim 7 (Original): A diastereomeric salt obtained by mixing (S)- or (R)-3-methyl-2-phenylbutylamine and racemic flurbiprofen in an organic solvent.

Claim 8 (Original): The diastereomeric salt according to claim 7, wherein the 3-methyl-2-phenylbutylamine has an S-configuration.

Claim 9 (Original): A diastereomeric salt represented by the following formula (I):



Claim 10 (Original): A diastereomeric salt represented by the following formula (II):

